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SUBJECT: SOVIET DISSIDENTS PLAN STATEMENT ON FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN
HANDLING OF DETENTION CASES

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1. WE WERE TOLD OCTOBER 24 THAT YURIY ORLOV, HEAD OF THE UNOFFICIAL CSCE COMMITTEE, AND VALENTIN TURCHIN OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ARE PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE WESTERN PRESS A STATEMENT CRITICAL OF FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN HANDLING OF DETENTION OF THEIR CITIZENS FOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS IN MOSCOW (REFTELS). WHILE THEY HAD CONSIDERED ISSUING A STATEMENT SINCE TIRAT'S TV APPEARANCE (MOSCOW 16644), THE LAST STRAW WAS APPARENTLY A SIMILAR RECANTATION MADE BY THE NORWEGIAN DETAINEE, EIDSVIG, ON SOVIET TV OCTOBER 24.

2. ORLOV AND TURCHIN REPORTEDLY FEEL THAT SINCE CONTENTS OF LEAFLETS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY CONTAIN INCITEMENTS TO VIOLENCE OR SLANDER THAT COULD CONCEIVABLY JUSTIFY THEIR CONFISCATION. THE STATEMENT WILL, THEREFORE, CONCLUDE THAT DETENTION OF THE
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TWO FOREIGNERS WAS A VIOLATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT AS WELL

AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF MAN. THE STATEMENT
WILL EMPHASIZE THAT RECENT TV RECANTATIONS MADE BY DETAINEES
WERE OBVIOUSLY COERCED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OF TIRAT'S REPUDIATION OF HIS MOSCOW STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY
UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS. MOREOVER, THEY WILL STATE THAT, BY
SILENTLY ACQUIESCING IN DETENTION OF THEIR CITIZENS, GOVERNMENTS
OF FRANCE AND NORWAY HAVE TACITLY ACCEPTED SOVIET
DEFINITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS.
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